Identification of non-viable Sectors

1398 SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IA is likely to raise fares in non-viable sectors;

(b) if so, what are the details of the non-viable sectors so identified; and

(c) what is the logic behind raising fares in these sectors which are already non-viable?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Indian Airlines has raised its domestic rupee fares on all sectors with effect from 25-07-1994.

Decision to Acuirt Mediujn Capacity Long-Range Air Crafts by A.I.

1399. HRI SURESH KALMADI:
-SHRI IQBAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Air India have decided to acquire more medium capacity long-range air crafts in a bid to augment its fleet; and

(d) if so, what are the details of the proposed augmentation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD):

(a) and (b) Air India has plans to induct medium capacity long-range aircraft (MCLR) into its fleet from 1997-98 onwards. Various types of MCLR aircraft will be evaluated by Air India. Actual decision to purchase the aircraft will, however depend on techno-economic evaluation and availability of traffic rights on the routes where the aircraft would be operated.

Plan to Attract Foreign Tourisst in Andhra Pradesh

1400. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there has been a marked increase to the extent of 20% in the arrival of foreign tourists in the first six months of this year;

(b) whether any special efforts are proposed to make Andhra Pradesh a possible destination for foreign tourists; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The foreign tourist arrivals during the period from January to June 1994 registered an increase of 19.5% as compared to the arrivals during the same period of the previous year.

(b) and (c) The development of tourism in any particular state is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. However, the Central Department of Tourism provides financial assistance in respect of specified schemes on the basis of proposals received from them. The Central Department of Tourism sanctioned 11 projects amounting to Rs. 114.28 lakhs for the improvement of tourism infrastructure in the State during 1993-94. The tourist circuit Hyderabad Nagar-